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Dear Dr. Rhodes:

Your letter of January 30 was most welcome, indeed, precisely with its emphasis on relationships across 68th Street. With ratherly new leadership at each of the institutions around that corner, I agree that it is indeed a propitious occasion to find ways to strengthen the ties and maximize the benefits of working as a community on related problems, each from a particular perspective.

As I will not be moving to New York from California until September 1, there may be a catch as catch can quality to efforts to meet jointly in New York prior to that time. I suspect that our discussions would be concretely most useful some few months thereafter when I have had the opportunity to be better educated about this new role. However, I would certainly wish to hasten any occasion for personal meeting and the development of acquaintanceship and as my calendar of visits crystalizes, perhaps there will be a happy coincidence. If you are planning to be in New York City during the week of April 24 or the week of May 15, and at a time that does not conflict with board committee meetings at Rockefeller University, we might have a lucky break. There is a possibility that I will be in New York the afternoon of Friday, March 16, but I am not yet in full control of that contingency.

I very much appreciate your writing and look forward to the opportunity of meeting you and initiating exactly the kind of relationship you mentioned.

Yours sincerely,

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